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SUBJECT: JAPAN'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS IN OCTOBER (PROVISIONAL)

1. SUMMARY: JAPAN'S CURRENT ACCOUNT SURPLUS, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, ROSE SLIGHTLY IN OCT TO \$0.9 BIL FROM \$0.8 BIL SURPLUS IN SEPT, ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DATA RELEASED BY MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MOF) NOV 17. (BEFORE SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT, OCT CURRENT ACCOUNT SURPLUS ROSE TO \$1.4 BIL FROM \$1.1 BIL SURPLUS IN SEP.) NET CAPITAL OUTFLOWS SLOWED DOWN SHARPLY IN OCT AND RECORDED A \$0.5 BIL NET OUTFLOW, COMPARED WITH \$1.1 BIL OUTFLOW IN SEP. THIS WAS PRIMARILY DUE TO A SWING OF SHORT-TERM COMMERCIAL BANKING FUND TO NET BORROWING IN OCT. OTHER CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS (LONG-TERM AND NONMONETARY SHORT-TERM CAPITAL) UNCLASSIFIED

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RECORDED LARGER NET OUTFLOWS TQN IN SEP. OFFICIAL LIABILITIES ROSE BY \$0.8 BIL IN OCT FROM LESS THAN \$0.1 BIL INCREASE IN SEP, WHICH TENDS TO CONFIRM PRESS REPORTS OF LARGE SHORT-TERM CAPITAL INFLOWS THROUGH FOREIGN PURCHASES OF TWO-MONTH GOJ BILLS. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING ARE PRELIMINARY MOF DATA ON OCT BALANCE

OF PAYMENTS IN MIL DOLLARS (IMF BASIS, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED). RECEIPTS ARE SHOWN AS PLUS: "MIN" INDICATES PAYMENTS:

SEP OCT

(REVISED) (PRELIMINARY)

(1) CURRENT BALANCE 1,142 1,360 TRADE BALANCE 1,693 1,850

EXPORTS 6,690 6,930

IMPORTS MIN 4,997 MIN 5,080

SERVICES & TRANSFERS MIN 551 MIN 490

(2) LONG-TERM CAPITAL MIN 531 MIN 620

(3) BASIC BALANCE 611 740

(4) NON-MONETARY SHORT-TERM

CAPITAL AND ERRORS AND

OMISSIONS COMBINED MIN 100 MIN 410

(5) OVERALL BALANCE 511 330

(6) COMMERCIAL ANKS'

SHORT-TERM NET POSITION MIN 499 530

(7) OFFICIAL SETTLEMENTS

BALANCE 12 860

3. SEASONALLY ADJUSTED MAJOR BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

SEP OCT

(REVISED) (PRELIMINARY)

(1) CURRENT BALANCE 813 858 TRADE BALANCE 1,364 1,348

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EXPORTS 6,462 6,553 | IMPORTS MIN 5,098 MIN 5,205 2) BASIC BALANCE 282 238 (3) OVERALL BALANCE 182 - 172

(4) OFFICIAL SETTLEMENTS

BALANCE MIN 317 358

4. NOTE: RATES OF EXCHANGE USED BY MOF TO CONVERT TO DOLLAR BASIS WERE 267.13 YEN PER DOLLAR FOR SEP 1977 AND 255.81 YEN PER DOLLAR FOR OCT 1977.

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